

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Revenue (DM) Department -Natural Calamities - "Hudhud" Cyclone, occurred October, 2014 - Oil palm-damage due to Hudhud cyclone - Inclusion in list of Horticulture crops for providing the Financial Assistance to oil palm farmers- Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (DM.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 274

Dated: 21.11.2014

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 9, Revenue (DM.III) Dept., dated: 12.10.2014.
2. From the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.RKVV(OP)/ 113/2013, Date:17.10.2014 addressed to the Director of Oil palm Research (DOPR), Pedavegi,West Godavari Dist.
3. From the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad Lr.No.RKVV(OP)/ 113/2013, Date:20.10.2014 read with Lr.F.No. PME/6(F) /2014, Dated: 18-10- 2014

ORDER:

The "Very Severe Cyclonic Storm HUDHUD" occurred in the State from 11-10-2014 to 13-10-2014 and caused heavy loss, among other sectors, to Horticulture crops including oil palm gardens.

2. The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, Oil Palm is one of the important crops in the Coastal districts and cultivating in an area of 1.35 lakh ha. and there is damage to Oil Palm plants like Crown damage, uprooting of trees, slanting of Palms and leaf shedding in young palms etc., due to heavy winds occurred on 11th and 12th October 2014 due to Hudhud cyclone. The affected farmers are asking to provide financial assistance i.e. input subsidy to the Oil palm crop affected due to heavy winds during hudhud cyclone as they have sustained lot of financial loss. So far no input subsidy was fixed by the Government for oil palm crop, as there is no damage to Oil Palm in previous years.

3. The Director of Oil palm Research (DOPR) in the reference 2nd read above has requested the Commissioner of Horticulture to propose the financial assistance in terms of cash for each oil palm plant that can be given for input subsidy which were affected by crown damage, uprooting and broken etc. based on the cost of cultivation and the yield loss to the farmers and suggested the 3 types of packages along with the management practices for oil palm, affected due to cyclone as follows:

1. Rs. 1,500/- per tree for rejuvenation of uprooted oil palm trees
2. Rs. 1,000/- per tree for rejuvenation of oil palm trees with crown damage.
3. Rs. 500/- per tree for slanting damages (With more than 25% slanting)

4. Government duly considering the magnitude of loss to the oil palm gardens and after carefully examined the recommendations of Director of Oil palm Research (DOPR) and proposals of Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad decided to accept the above recommendation and for sanction an amount of Rs. 5,20,00,000/- (Rupees five crores and twenty lakhs only) towards input subsidy from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for the damages caused oil palm gardens due to Hudhud Cyclone that occurred from 11-10-2014 to 13-10-2014 in the State to the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad as a special case and with the condition that it shall not be quoted as a precedent in future cases the particulars are as follows:-

(p.t.o)

SI. NO.	Stage of oil palm plants Damaged	No. of Damaged Plants along with rate (Rs)	Amount to be Sanctioned as input subsidy (Rs)
1	Plants uprooted	12000 @ Rs.1500/-	1,80,00,000/-
2	Plants Crown Damage	23000 @ Rs.1000/-	2,30,00,000/-
3	Plants slanting/ Tilted	22000 @ Rs.500/-	1,10,00,000/-
TOTAL		57,000	5,20,00,000/-

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para (4) above shall be debited to the following head of account:

MH - 2245 Relief on account of Natural Calamities
 SMJH – 02 Floods, Cyclones etc
 M.H. 101 – Gratuitous Relief
 SH(09)- Supply of seeds , Fertilizers and Agricultural implements
 310 - Grants-in –Aid.
 312 - Other Grants –in – Aid.

6. The Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para (4) above and arrange to disburse / distribute the same to the affected Small / Marginal and Other farmers through transfer to bank account by way of RTGS / EFT (Real Time Gross Settlement / Electronic Funds Transfer.

7. The Commissioner Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is also directed to furnish the Consolidated Utilization Certificates for the amount already released up to 2013-14 and for the amounts sanctioned now duly verified by the Andhra Pradesh State Audit Authorities. The Commissioner Horticulture shall remit back the unspent balances, if any, forthwith to Government Account.

8. Similarly in order to maintain absolute fairness, transparency and to prevent any possible mischief, for all other benefits that will be extended vide this G.O., the eligibility of the beneficiaries shall be thoroughly verified duly capturing Aadhar numbers and photos of the loss/ damage occurred.

9. The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad and District Collectors of the concerned districts are requested to take all necessary steps to confirm the genuineness of the loss and genuineness of the beneficiaries and release the payment to the Bank Account of the Beneficiaries in a transparent manner.

10. This order is issued with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.Rev) Department vide their U.O.8789/207/EBS-VIII/14, dt. 20.11.2014

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.R.SUKUMAR
Commissioner for Disaster Management &
Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. Hyderabad

The District Collectors of Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, East Godavari

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